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Applicant

MASAFUMI OKUMA, et al.

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Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a)

Honorable Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the Official Action mailed May 23, 2004 in the above-identified application. Such response is being filed concurrently with this request.

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A check in the amount of two hundred ten dollars (\$210.00) for the extension of time is included herewith. Please charge any additional fees to the Deposit Account No. 13-1816.

Respectfully submitted,

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